



Discovering Doreen

Week Ending March 10, 2023

From Glenn

Two short weeks in row but it does mean you might have been able to get a few days away with your families. The Curriculum Day will give our teachers Professional Development in the area of mathematics, and our business managers are working on some of the new “mystifying” programs and policies we are facing in the Administration area.

Today the Grade six’s attended a **Leadership Day** run by our NESST cluster of small skills. We have run these for many years and they take our leaders through some activities and skills that prepare and build their leadership skills. Every year we get a leader to speak to them. We have had many different leaders over the years from Tom Hafey to Christine Nixon, across many fields of endeavour. Today we had Entertainer Kate Ceberano. Thanks to our parents who helped with transport after our mini bus fell through.

At **School Council** and backed up by staff, our finish times were discussed. We originally introduced the staggered times as a COVID 19 strategy. It also helped with our carpark issues. Since then we have changed direction, added a parking area, and seen great improvement. We have found the staggered times have cut instruction times in the afternoon, so we are going to make a change. **From Monday 27th March - week after camp - we will go back to all children being dismissed at 3.30pm.** We will still have the Prep Parents Car Park and the bottom Car Park will remain as it is. This will stop families having to wait for older siblings while younger children play and if all children head home fairly quickly, our traffic flow should work well. I would suggest that parents of older children arrive a little later. We have staff on duty until 3.45pm, so if you arrive at 3.40pm, you will have a dream pick-up as the Car Park is virtually empty by then. More next week, but please be ready.

NAPLAN begins next week. We are working it around Camp, the Grade 3’s will be finished before we go and the Grade 5’s will do the bulk of it after camp. If you are concerned about NAPLAN and your child, please contact your classroom teacher or me. It is still parent choice if you feel the process would be damaging for your child but please talk to a staff member before you make a decision. I believe this school provides solid evaluation of your child’s progress and originally NAPLAN was simply another DET designed platform to provide this as well. It is now a national testing regime.

Don’t forget **Grandparents morning on 5th April. 9.15am until 11.30 am**, Morning Tea included. Oh and it’s not a sit and chat, Grandparents will be doing things with their Grandchildren. If no Grandparents can make it, a special family friend is ok.

School finishes for Term One on Thursday 6th April at 1.30pm. There will be an assembly at 1.00pm where we will draw the **Easter Raffle** (see details attached), then finish with an Easter Egg hunt.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Curriculum Day	10 Mar
Labour Day	13 Mar
Grades 5 & 6 Camp	20-22 Mar
Grades 3 & 4 Camp	22-24 Mar
Change of School Hours 9.00am—3.30pm ALL GRADES	27 Mar
School Council AGM	7.30pm
School Photos 9.00am Don't forget to order online	4 Apr
Grandparents Morning 9.15-11.30am	5 Apr
End of Term 1 Easter Raffle 1.00pm 1.30pm dismissal	6 Apr

PLEASE NOTE:

All dates are subject to change.
We will notify the school community of any changes as soon as we can.

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URGENT FINAL CALL FOR 2024 SIBLINGS

If you have a child that will be attending Doreen Primary School in 2024 and you have not handed in an enrolment form please do so asap.

Asthma and Anaphylaxis forms have been sent home for updating. For the health and safety of your child it is imperative we have these updated, signed by your doctor and returned to the office asap (Reminder: camp is early this year and we require updated forms for your child to attend).



Library News!

Lots of happy borrowers have come through the library so far this year, it is terrific to see so many eager readers! Just a reminder though, that borrowing books comes with responsibility. A number of books have required repair recently, some that could be put down to "regular borrowing due to popularity" and some books have clearly not been cared for. Our library is an incredible resource that is available for everyone to use. Please remember to care for our books as if they were your own, and return them in a manner that you would be proud of!

Meet Skulduggery Pleasant: detective, sorcerer, warrior.
Oh yeah.....and dead.

If you loved Harry Potter, or the Nevermoor series – you should try this series!

A great option for our older readers in Grade 4-6, we have recently added 2 new titles to the library shelves!



Can you help?

We have a family in Grade 3 that is looking for after school care Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Please contact the school if you can help or know of someone that can.

**PHOTOS
REMOVED**

A big thank you to Sritha and Seyha in Gr 6 for your hard work helping to shelve and organize our books! Excellent leadership and obvious care for our library – what terrific role models, showing our school value of respect!



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A place to explore, express and create.

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Class Time Table

Monday 4:15pm - 5:30pm	Primary School Students
Monday 5:30pm - 7:00pm	Secondary School Students
Tuesday 4:15pm - 5:30pm	Primary School Students

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For more information and bookings, contact Carien at splattersartstudio@gmail.com or 0482 022 234.

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Fundraiser organised by Grade 6



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yarrambatnetballclub@outlook.com



HOUSE GROUPS

Week ending 10th March

2ND

1ST

3RD

4TH



SCHOOL PHOTOS 4TH APRIL

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